

ON WALL STREET.

Yesterday's Stock Market was Irregular, Closing Generally at the Best Figures of the Day.

Railroad Bonds Ruled Steady to Firm—The Closing Prices Show Advances. Transactions Small.

COMMERCIAL RESUME.

Special to the Gazette.  
NEW YORK, April 29.—Railway bonds to-day sold as follows: Fort Worth and Denver City at 94 1/2; Texas and Pacific Rios at 76 1/2; incomes at 102; St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas at 102; St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas 2's at 104; Houston and Texas Central general mortgage at 78; Missouri, Kansas and Texas 5's at 83; Missouri, Kansas and Texas 6's at 101; Kansas and Texas 1's at 112 1/2; Kansas and Texas 5's at 83 1/2.  
Money at 4 1/2 per cent.  
Governments easy.  
Sterling quiet.  
Silver unchanged.  
Wheat active.  
Cotton 3 to 4 points higher.  
Oil closed at 67 1/2.  
Coffee lower.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS.  
NEW YORK, April 29.—To-day's stock market exhibited increased dullness throughout the day until the last hour, when there was renewed activity and considerable excitement. The tone of the dealings was in marked contrast with that of yesterday, being remarkably firm throughout with the exception of a short time in the forenoon and toward the close. The market developed marked strength and buoyancy. The favorable turn of European affairs and the stronger European market was the principal stimulus to prices here and considerable purchasing for London account was reported. The opening was steady to firm, generally at slight advances over last evening's figures, but a general decline followed the first sales, New England and West Point being conspicuous. A rally soon followed, and the market became quiet and at times positively dull. There was less business in the afternoon, but some progress was made in an upward direction, and in the last hour a sharp advance all around accompanied by largely increased business occurred. The close was active and strong at the highest figures of the day.  
Railroad bonds were somewhat more active. The market ruled steady to firm throughout most of the day, and the closing prices generally show advances.  
Government bonds were dull and steady.

THE HIGHER COURTS.

The call of the second assignment of cases took place in both the higher courts.

The following cases were submitted on briefs or oral arguments in the Court of Appeals: Stephen Anthony vs. State, from Atascosa county; Thomas Mathews vs. State, from Caldwell county; B. B. Wright vs. State, from Live Oak county; John Davidson vs. State, from Williamson county; Mitchell Miller vs. State, from Hayes county; Francisco Olivares vs. State, from Atascosa county; Orchard & Co. et al. vs. Brown & Hale, from Caldwell county; George Sims vs. State.  
Appeal was dismissed in the following cases: John B. Wendt vs. State, from Travis county; Sharp & Harris vs. Liz Reeves, from Travis, because superfluous bond misdescribes the judgment; Kiehlsmith & Jacobs vs. J. H. Williamson, from Caldwell, for the same reason; Al Johnson vs. State, from Travis county, because the jurisdiction of the county court was dual; Willie Cox vs. State, from Williamson county, because the recognizance states no offense; Edwin Govit vs. State from Guadalupe county, for want of a sufficient bond judgment.

The following cases were set for trial: Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company vs. Michael Koepfer, from Guadalupe county, April 30; G. S. Felder vs. State, from Travis county, May 21; DeWeso & Strickland vs. State, from Travis county, May 4; J. M. Wells vs. Ames Iron Works, from Caldwell county, motion for certiorari granted.  
The following is a list of the cases in the second assignment of the Supreme court: International and Great Northern Railroad Company vs. James M. Eckford, from Bexar county; International and Great Northern Railroad Company vs. Samuel S. Moody, from Bexar county; The Bradstreet Company vs. Robert Gill, from Bastrop county; A. R. Morris vs. Lone Star Chapter No. 6, from Travis county, set for May 6; John S. Wilson, administrator, vs. Ruth S. Demander, from Bastrop county; the Lion Fire Insurance Company vs. Frank Starr, from Bexar county; Jacob Jung et al. vs. J. C. Neraz, from Comal county; Missouri Pacific Railway Company vs. J. N. Fagan & Co., from Comal county, passed to second call; M. C. Hamilton vs. George W. Glascock et al., from Travis county; International and Great Northern Railroad Company vs. Manly L. Hester, from Travis county; Matthew McGloin vs. Bridget McGloin, from Live Oak county; A. E. Max Voigt vs. Charles Mackel, from Bastrop county; City of Austin vs. A. R. Ritz, from Travis county; San Antonio Water Works Company vs. Maurey & Co., from Bexar county; Annette M. Dwyer, executrix, vs. George H. Kaleyser, from Bexar county, set for May 6; Day Land & Cattle Company vs. State, from Travis county, set for May 6; J. C. Horst vs. C. Herring, from Live Oak county; City of Austin vs. Austin Gas Light and Coal Company, from Travis county, passed to second call; Sarah A. Bunton vs. Swante Palm, from Travis county; Charles Wolf vs. G. M. Brass, from Travis county, set for May 10; Annie L. Etheridge et al. vs. R. H. Price et al., from Williamson county; Romulus Griffith et al. vs. A. J. Rife & T. H. Bunton, from Caldwell county; Amelia Schmidke et al. vs. John A. Miller, from Bexar county; F. E. Grothaus, administrator, vs. George Witte, from Bexar county; George C. Altelt vs. L. B. Harris, from Bexar county; Austin and Northwestern Railroad Company vs. Joseph Beatty, from Travis county; International and Great Northern Railroad Company et al. vs. G. T. Tisdale, from Williamson county; International and Great Northern Railroad Company vs. Robert Tarver, from Williamson county; Henry Mason vs. Julius Stapper, from Bexar county; E. J. Brooks vs. John Pegg, from Bexar county; Good, Williams & Peoples vs. Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company, from Bexar county; Henry Besse vs. S. M. Johnson, Bexar county; Susan E. Byrne and Louisa T. Parker et al. vs. G. W. Sampson et al., from Karnes county; the State of Texas

and J. J. Bruce, tax collector, vs. Taylor & Kelley, from Williamson county; L. B. Harris vs. W. C. Dougherty, from Wilson county; set for May 10; Carolina Garza et al. vs. Andreas A. Brown, from Bexar county; J. M. Hamilton & Co. vs. Wm. Prescott, assignee, from Bexar county; set for May 25; Mack Stadler & Co. et al. vs. Block, Oppenheimer & Co., from Bexar county; passed to second call; Tom Murrah vs. Amelia Brichita, from Travis county; J. A. Wassenich vs. John Ireland, from same; International and Great Northern Railroad Company vs. William Pape, from Comal county, passed to second call; Morgan L. Lewis vs. Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company, from Bexar county; Newman & Co. et al. vs. Leon & H. Blum, from Travis county, set for May 6; Mrs. S. A. Ray vs. Mark Clark, from Hays county, passed to second call; E. Northcraft et al. vs. Z. S. Oliver et al., from same; George N. Burch vs. John S. Wilson et al., from Bastrop county; D. P. Dolson vs. Mrs. Charles De Ganshl, administratrix, from Bexar county; James Gaffney vs. Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company, from same, dismissed; Almond Wient vs. International and Great Northern Railroad Company, from Hays county, passed to May 10; W. H. Randolph vs. State, from Travis county; F. F. Collins vs. H. L. Dignowity, from Bexar county, passed to last call; W. W. Walling vs. J. W. Hannig, from same; William Newman vs. George Schroeder, from same; L. P. Boettler vs. R. P. Tendick, from same; G. W. Gulledd vs. Lauriston White, from same; P. S. Jones & Co. vs. Cornelius Collins, from same, set for May 10; Gustav Cashing vs. Dan P. Smith, from same; Oscar Crawford et al. vs. W. F. McGruty, from same; Yario Arabelle vs. San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad Company, from same; Emma Scheiner vs. D. M. A. Probandt, from same; Joseph Nalle et al. vs. M. Pargi, from Travis county, passed to last call; James B. Cassidy, administrator, et al. vs. Anna Cluge et al., from same; Joseph Landu vs. Jacob Ober, from Guadalupe county; J. W. Fennell vs. Seguin Street Railway Co., from same, passed to second call; A. Driess et al. vs. Wenzel Friederich, from Bexar county; John J. Stevens vs. Charles Geiser et al., from same; M. A. Mayerick vs. Francisco Flores et al., from same, passed to second call; Leon and H. Blum vs. J. A. Addington, from Caldwell county; State vs. J. A. Rhomberg et al., from Travis county, passed to second call; John B. Wendt vs. Eugene Cooke, from same, dismissed on motion; Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company vs. Thomas Johnson, from Bexar county.

Not more dreary the sublime dreams of Dante, than the gloomy visions of those who suffer from constipation. But these become a glory and a light under the revivifying influences of Morris' Cascarine

Greenville.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
GREENVILLE, TEX., April 29.—Messrs. Schiff, Reeves & Schwartz, wholesale grocers and dry goods men of Greenville, have entered into a contract with Blades & Shepperd, contractors and builders of this city, for the construction of a large two story brick building on the south side of Lee street. The building is to be eighty-four feet in width by 140 feet in depth. It will have an elegant iron front, and will be thoroughly finished with the best material. The cost when finished will be about \$11,000.

Shop Alexander Garrett of the Protestant Episcopal church, visited the city yesterday evening, remaining over until to-day.

The Defense Insanity.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
WICHITA FALLS, TEX., April 29.—Justice Armstrong decided not to investigate the charge of rape, but let it come before the grand jury, which is still in session. It is said Barney Morrison, the defendant, has been in the asylum and made his escape, and that the defense of insanity will be made if an indictment is found. Much sympathy is felt for the family, and considering the mental infirmity of the defendant it is not a subject of much comment, as it is thought the girl is not seriously injured.

THE BIG BLANKET FISH.

A Story Showing How It Overpowers and Kills the Pearl Divers.

Interview with a Pearl Diver.  
The first time I struck the bottom I couldn't believe I was there. It was as clear as air, and the fishes swimming around might have been taken for birds. I landed on a kind of sand hill when they lured me, and had to walk about fifty feet down into a valley-like before I struck the shells. They were all in a bunch stretched along in a ridge, looking like a black mark against the white bottom. I was dragging the hamper, and when I got alongside I began to toss them in. I reckon I had filled half a dozen or so, when all at once I saw a kind of shadow moving over all. At first I thought it was the schooner, and then, perhaps, some of the other divers coming down, and then it left; but all at once it came again and grew so dark in a second that I turned quick and looked up, and if my hair hadn't been held down by a copper cap it would have rized right on end.

There, a-movin' over me, was what I took to be a bird about thirty feet across. It was wheeling round and round, flapping its big wings; just as you've seen buzzards or eagles do, overhead. Down it came, lower and lower, and I crouching as flat as I could get. The nearer it got the bigger it looked, and as I see it was a setting on me I took the pike I always carried, and as it wheeled around me I let drive. Hit it? Well, I reckon I did. The next thing I knew I was standing on my head, rolling over and over, then kicked sideways, half drowned, and then I reckon I lost my senses, and when I came to I was lying on deck and all hands looking at me. You see the critter had given the water such a swirl that I was knocked end for end, and my pipe and line twisted around and around, so that I couldn't breathe, and, of course, that pulled the line and the men thought I had jerked it to come up, so they hauled away for all they were worth, and that's what saved my life. What was it? Why, nothin' but one of those sea-bats—blanket fish the other men called it—and they all say I had a narrow run for it. That was the way accordin' to their say, that the fish goes to work to get away with a man. They first settle down on you like a blanket, and there you are.

The largest table ever made from a single plank belongs to the Illinois Club, of Chicago. The plank is fifteen feet long and six wide, and was cut from a California redwood tree.

THE NEWSPAPER REPORTER.

A Word for the Worker Who is Often Misjudged by Outsiders.  
The Epoch.

When a newspaper reporter rings a door bell and asks for the latest and most authentic particulars of Mr. Jones' recent domestic vicissitude, whether it be the running away of his daughter or the bursting of the water back of his range, it is a mistake to suppose that the reporter personally cares two pence for the disturbance in Mr. Jones' household. If he is perturbed and too often he is—it is from mistaken zeal in keeping fealty with the great public, which delights in the knowledge of Mr. Jones' domestic affairs.

There is no body of men with less personal curiosity than reporters. Experience on any well conducted newspaper quickly blunts the edge of that interest in small doings that characterizes individuals in private life. If he assists at a prize fight to-day, he is present at a meeting of the evangelical alliance to-morrow, and the next day at a political primary. If on Monday he interviews some distinguished resident of the Tombs, on Tuesday he listened to some high authority on important questions on public policy up town.

It is keen pleasure to listen to the conversation of a group of able newspaper men. Their profession gives to them a grip on the moment, and they know when to let go. They move lightly from subject to subject, but with that discrimination which their knowledge of men and affairs has given them. Their training has induced the habit of clear, succinct statement. They learn to think as they write. They seize the salient points unerringly, and that largeness of view that circumstances breed in them induce moderation of statement and of opinion.

Few people strive to be accurate under disadvantages as does the newspaper person. He hears a rumor here. He hastens to verify it there. Meanwhile he has consulted a number of persons supposed to hold the germ of truth, and their statements all differ. But nothing is more difficult than the truth. No one knows better than the newspaper person how few people are able to tell the truth. This is not from a lack of will, or a preference for lying, but from sheer inability to appreciate the value of accuracy. Nine-tenths of the inaccuracies in newspapers arise in this way. There is not a reporter in New York city who has not spent weary hours in conversation in order to get a grain of truth, and often to find in the end that that supposed grain of truth is error.

With whatever vehemence it may be denied, the newspaper person knows that most people are pleased to be consulted by the representative of any well known newspaper. Although knowing that what they say is going to appear in print, most people at such times talk with pleasure. But type has no graceful features, animated expressions, and sympathetic tones. It is bald, cold, cruel and, the interviewed is likely to add, untruthful. There can be no more cruel exercise of the interviewer's power than the rendering of an interview into type exactly as it was spoken.

The reporter usually gives his interview a dignity it does not in fact possess. He weeds out the superfluous, clears away the verbiage, links the logical sequence and mends the grammar. This, on his part, is purely gratuitous. But if he has been kept standing too long in the hall, snubbed by the supercilious footman, or received less courtesy than he has a right to expect in the drawing room, he sees no reason for departing from his duties as a faithful reporter. There are many men of sound mind and correct judgment who are careless of speech in the ardor of conversation. Not uncommonly a bank president or a Congressman will thoughtlessly say "aint" when he should have said "hasn't." The next morning when this appears, he realizes that in some manner "aint" seems to have impaired the value of this opinion, and he feels that a just estimate of his character and mental ability has not been presented.

Most men go into journalism young, and before they realize that bodies need the consideration given to other sorts of machinery. There is no tyrant so absolute as the printer's devil. Although the tired brain reel and the hand fall, for the newspaper person there is no to-morrow—only to-day.

The fascination of journalism can only be compared to that of the footlights. In literature posterity has a voice. In journalism one snaps his fingers at the future and refuses to be awed by the past. The present—the present—to-day is king.

Austin.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
AUSTIN, TEX., April 29.—The capitol board have decided that the capitol building commissioners have authority to make changes in the plan of construction. The commissioners will make such changes in the construction of the dome as will render it absolutely safe, and without any extra expense to the state.

W. N. Ramey has been commissioned superintendent of the Rusk penitentiary.

Admitted to Bail.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
BAIRD, TEX., April 29.—District Judge Randolph admitted McAbbott to bail in the sum of \$5000 at a special sitting of his court this afternoon.

Made Bond.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
MCKINNEY, TEX., April 29.—Poney Jackson made bond to-day on charge of assault to murder Ed Finley. Finley is in a precarious condition.

Ten Largest Cities in the World.

The ten largest cities in the world, according to the latest estimates, are London, which, with its suburbs, has a population of 4,764,312; Paris, 2,269,023; Canton (China), 1,600,000; New York, 1,449,000; Aitchi (Japan), 1,322,050; Berlin, 1,223,330; Tokio (Japan), 987,887; Philadelphia, 875,000; Calcutta, 766,298; and Vienna, 726,101. There are several cities in China which claim a population of 1,000,000, but as the claim is not based on any systematic enumeration they are not included in this list.

A bird's nest found on a roof near the United States Mint in Washington was beautifully lined with gold. The parent bird had carried off gold dust in its feathers and shaken them out in its tiny home.

At Forli, Italy, a very ancient tomb has been found under a street containing the remains of a skeleton of a warrior, leaf-shaped lance heads of iron, flutes, and a great number of small vases and urns of pottery.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Vanity and Extravagance—Two Sexes Compared.  
Chicago Herald.

"Talk about the vanity of women," said a Madison-street hatter, "it is nothing compared to that of men. My wife used to keep a millinery store, and as I was hanging around her shop a good deal I had an opportunity to study the customers, in whom I took more interest than I did in the stock. Well, women are not vain. Not one woman in fifty has any vanity about her personal appearance. She has, what is better, a systematic and business-like method of making herself look as well as possible. It is part of her daily life to wear the things which will become her, and in making selections she is earnest and practical and patient, even if not always artistic. She knows her own face and figure better than anybody else, and does not deceive herself. She knows what she can wear to advantage and what she cannot. If she is good looking she knows it, but does not become silly in consequence. If plain she is aware of the fact and instinctively and sensibly does her best to make herself attractive by the arts of dress and adornment. Take women by themselves, away from the other sex, and there is no foolishness among them concerning themselves. They are perfectly frank with each other concerning their figures and features, and assist each other with admirable good humor. It is quite different with men. For three years I have been in the hat business, and in that time have seen more genuine vanity than in all my life before. Nine men out of ten are either vain or indifferent. The average man doesn't know what he wants, and while you are showing him goods he changes his mind half a dozen times. It is no uncommon thing in my store for a customer to stand forty times before the mirror, each time with a hat on his head. Sometimes he will take three or four looks at one hat during the course of his search. In the matter of extravagance, too, the women are not the only offenders. Men will pay \$8 to \$12 for silk hats, or \$5 to \$7 for round crowned hats made by a well known manufacturer, whose name is supposed to lead the local world of hat fashions, when they know very well that articles of identical merit in every particular can be purchased at a saving of from \$2 to \$5 elsewhere. They do this simply because they are vain enough to wish to be able to say, on occasion, that their hat is from so and so, the fashionable. I know men whose incomes do not exceed \$80 a month who expend in a year not less than \$40 for hats. Few women spend larger sums."

How Rothschild Made Money.

French Paper.  
When Rothschild came to Paris in 1812 he possessed \$20,000. At his death his private fortune amounted to \$55,000,000, and that of the firm to over \$500,000,000. He owed his success to his happy knack of always "taking fortune at the flood," and to his careful observation of all political events that might tend to make or mar his prosperity. Once he was suffering from some cerebral complaint and had to undergo a difficult and dangerous operation. His surgeon, Dr. Dupuytren, had strictly forbidden all mental excitement as likely to have fatal consequences. Rothschild lay half-conscious on his bed when tidings were brought of the assassination of the Duke of Berry. The patient immediately jumped up, though the blood was streaming over his face, the bandage having come undone in the excitement, and, dragging himself across the room, rang the bell with great violence. The Duke of Berry is murdered! Sell out! sell out! he cried out to his alarmed attendants, as they rushed into the room and then he fell back in a swoon. By this transaction he saved considerable sums of money.

Twenty-five years ago Albert Ellis of Winslow, filled up a clay pipe for a good smoke. He used only half of its contents, for on the next day he went to war. He survived and came home, but did not finish that smoke until a few days ago, when he happened to find the old pipe, partly empty, just as he had left it.

In Bulgaria a journal is published in almost every town and village where there is a printing office, only all the papers contain the same matter and differ only in their titles. Before the proclamation of the principality there were forty-eight Bulgarian gazettes; since the liberation the number has risen to eighty-five.

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